

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the first paragraph on page 1, lines 5-16, and replace with the following new paragraph:

~~This application is a continuation in part from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/039,217 filed February 28, 1997, which application was in turn related to pending applications: Serial No. _____ entitled 'ETHYLENE POLYMER CARPET, CARPET BACKINGS AND METHODS'; Serial No. _____ entitled "CARPET BACKINGS AND METHODS USING SUBSTANTIALLY LINEAR ETHYLENE POLYMERS METHODS"; and Serial No. _____ entitled "CARPETS, CARPET BACKINGS AND METHODS USING HOMOGENEOUS LINEAR ETHYLENE POLYMERS," all four of which were filed on February 28, 1997, and the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.~~

This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Application No. 10/077,609 filed February 15, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/032,410, filed February 27, 1998 (now abandoned), which claims priority benefit of Provisional Application Nos. 60/039,217; 60/039,411; 60/039,412; 60/039,584; and 60/039,587, all filed February 28, 1997. The aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.